

relationships), including mentors for disadvantaged youths, either through provision of direct mentoring services through the creative utilization of current and emerging technologies to connect youth with mentors.

“(18) A program that has the primary purpose of re-engaging court-involved youth and adults with the goal of reducing recidivism.”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as (c) and (d), respectively;

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VETERANS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From funds appropriated under section 501(a)(2), the Corporation shall reserve up to 3 percent for competitive grants to eligible recipients under subsection (a) for the development, either directly or through subgrants to other entities, of innovative initiatives to address the unique needs of veterans.

“(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity described in paragraph (1) shall submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

“(3) ACTIVITIES.—Entities receiving grants under this subsection shall use funds to develop initiatives that—

“(A) recruit veterans, particularly returning veterans, into service opportunities;

“(B) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families while a member of the family is deployed; and

“(C) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families when a member of the family returns from a deployment.”;

(4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), in paragraph (4), by inserting after “out-of-school youths,” the following: “disadvantaged youths,”;

(5) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated), in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “subsection (b) or (d) of”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) REQUIREMENTS FOR TUTORS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Corporation shall require that each recipient of assistance under the national service laws that operates a tutoring program involving elementary or secondary school students certifies that individuals serving in approved national service positions as tutors in such program have—

“(A) either—

“(i) obtained their high school diploma; or

“(ii) passed a proficiency test demonstrating that such individuals have the skills necessary to achieve program goals; and

“(B) have successfully completed pre- and in-service training for tutors.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—The requirements in paragraph (1) do not apply to an individual serving in an approved national service position who is enrolled in an elementary or secondary school and is providing tutoring services through a structured, school-managed cross-grade tutoring program.

“(f) REQUIREMENTS FOR TUTORING PROGRAMS.—Each tutoring program that receives assistance under the national service laws shall—

“(1) offer a curriculum that is high quality, research-based, and consistent with the State academic content standards required by section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311) and the instructional program of the local educational agency; and

“(2) offer high quality, research-based pre- and in-service training for tutors.

“(g) CITIZENSHIP TRAINING.—The Corporation shall establish requirements for recipients of assistance under the national service laws relating to the promotion of citizenship and civic engagement, that are consistent with the principles on which citizenship programs administered by

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services are based, among individuals enrolled in approved national service positions and approved summer of service positions.”.

#### SEC. 1303. TYPES OF POSITIONS.

Section 123 (42 U.S.C. 12573) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A) by inserting after “subdivision of a State,” the following: “a Territory,”; and

(2) in paragraph (5) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”.

#### SEC. 1304. CONFORMING REPEAL RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 125 (42 U.S.C. 1257) is repealed.

#### SEC. 1305. ASSISTANCE TO STATE COMMISSIONS; CHALLENGE GRANTS.

Section 126 (42 U.S.C. 12576) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$125,000 and \$750,000” and inserting “\$200,000 and \$825,000”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—In making grants to a State under this subsection, the Corporation shall require the State to provide matching funds in the following amounts:

“(A) FIRST \$100,000.—For the first \$100,000 of grant amounts provided by the Corporation, a State shall not be required to provide matching funds.

“(B) AMOUNTS GREATER THAN \$100,000.—For grant amounts of more than \$100,000 and not exceeding \$200,000 provided by the Corporation, a State shall provide \$1 from non-Federal sources for every \$2 provided by the Corporation.

“(C) AMOUNTS GREATER THAN \$200,000.—For grant amounts of more than \$200,000 provided by the Corporation, a State shall provide \$1 from non-Federal sources for every \$1 provided by the Corporation.”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to national service programs that receive assistance under section 121” and inserting “to programs supported under the national service laws”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—A challenge grant under this subsection may provide, for an initial 3-year grant period, not more than \$1 of assistance under this subsection for each \$1 in cash raised from private sources by the program supported under the national service laws in excess of amounts required to be provided by the program to satisfy matching funds requirements. After an initial 3-year grant period, grants under this subsection may provide not more than \$1 of assistance for each \$2 in cash raised from private sources by the program in excess of amounts required to be provided by the program to satisfy matching funds requirements. The Corporation may permit the use of local or State funds as matching funds if the Corporation determines that such use would be equitable due to a lack of available private funds at the local level. The Corporation shall establish a ceiling on the amount of assistance that may be provided to a national service program under this subsection.”.

#### SEC. 1306. ALLOCATION OF ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.

Section 129 (42 U.S.C. 12581) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 129. PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE AND APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.

“(a) 1-PERCENT ALLOTMENT FOR CERTAIN TERRITORIES.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve 1 percent for grants to the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands upon approval by the Corporation

of an application submitted under section 130. The amount allotted as a grant to each such Territory under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to 1 percent of the allocated funds for that fiscal year as the population of the Territory bears to the total population of such Territories.

“(b) ALLOTMENT FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve at least 1 percent for grants to Indian tribes, to be allotted by the Corporation on a competitive basis.

“(c) ALLOTMENT FOR NATIONAL GRANTS.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve 23 percent for grants to nonprofit organizations to operate a program in 2 or more States.

“(d) ALLOTMENT FOR STATE COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under subsection (a) of section 121 for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve 37.5 percent for innovative grants to States on a competitive basis.

“(e) ALLOTMENT TO CERTAIN STATES ON FORMULA BASIS.—

“(1) GRANTS.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under subsection (a) of section 121 for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall make a grant to each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that submits an application under section 130 that is approved by the Corporation.

“(2) ALLOTMENTS.—The amount allotted as a grant to each such State under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to 37.5 percent of the allocated funds for that fiscal year as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in compliance with paragraph (3).

“(3) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the minimum grant made available to each State approved by the Corporation under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year must be at least \$600,000.

“(f) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPLY.—If a State or Territory fails to apply for, or fails to give notice to the Corporation of its intent to apply for an allotment under this section, or the Corporation does not approve the application consistent with section 133, the Corporation may use the amount that would have been allotted under this section to the State or Territory to—

“(1) make grants (and provide approved national service positions in connection with such grants) to other grantmaking entities under section 121 that propose to carry out national service programs in such State or Territory; and

“(2) make a reallocation to other States or Territories with approved applications submitted under section 130, to the extent grant-making entities do not apply as described in paragraph (1).

“(g) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—The allotment of assistance and approved national service positions to a recipient under this section shall be made by the Corporation only pursuant to an application submitted by a State or other applicant under section 130.

“(h) APPROVAL OF POSITIONS SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDS.—The Corporation may not approve positions as approved national service positions under this subtitle for a fiscal year in excess of the number of such positions for which the Corporation has sufficient available funds in the National Service Trust for that fiscal year, taking into consideration funding needs for national service educational awards under subtitle D based on completed service. If appropriations are insufficient to provide the maximum allowable national service educational awards under subtitle D for all eligible participants, the Corporation is authorized to make necessary and reasonable adjustments to program rules.